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Applicant(s): MARK E. ZAPPI, ET AL.
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For: ON-SITE BIOLOGICAL TREATMENT OF CONTAMINATED
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Group Art Unit: 1724
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SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

AMENDMENT

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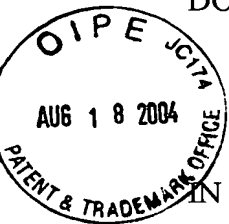
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This Amendment is submitted in answer to the Office Action dated May 18, 2004, which set a three month period for response. Thus, this Amendment is considered timely filed on or before August 18, 2004.